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PRESS RELEASE

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DATE/TIME OF OCCURRENCE: 1-19-2001 EARLY MORNING HOURS
NATURE OF CALL: ARSON/HOMICIDE
LOCATION OF CALL: 7935 ROCK SPRINGS ROAD, PENRYN
CASE NUMBER: SO 01 1180
RELEASED BY: LT. RICK ARMSTRONG 530.889.7816

SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

A fire that burned a residence in Penryn resulting in the death of two people has been determined to have been deliberately started. Based on evidence found at the scene and interviews with witnesses and family members, investigators at the scene were able to determine that someone had poured a flammable liquid throughout the interior of the residence prior to the fire starting.

At this time the incident has been reclassified from a house fire to a homicide investigation. Personnel from the Placer County Sheriff's Department, CDF Arson Unit and arson investigators from the insurance company are continuing the around the clock investigation into the incident that began with the discovery of the fire early Friday morning.

Autopsies on the two victims are currently being conducted with both the cause of death and identification of the victims pending.

The investigation is ongoing and further details will be released when available.

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